

# Lesson 25

## Words To Learn This Week

architect  
matrimony  
baggage  
squander  
abroad  
fugitive  
calamity  
pauper  
envy  
collapse  
prosecute  
bigamy

"What care I for words?"

—Shakespeare, *As You Like It*

1. **architect** (är' kə tekst) a person who makes plans for buildings and other structures; a maker; a creator
  - a. The famous **architect**, Frank Lloyd Wright, designed his buildings to blend\* with their surroundings.
  - b. An **architect** must have a knowledge of the materials that will be used in his structures.
  - c. General Eisenhower was the **architect** of victory over the Nazis in World War II.
2. **matrimony** (mat' rə mō' nē) married life; ceremony of marriage
  - a. Though **matrimony** is a holy state, our local governments still collect a fee for the marriage license.
  - b. Because of lack of money, the sweetness of their **matrimony** turned sour.
  - c. Some bachelors\* find it very difficult to give up their freedom for the blessings of **matrimony**.
3. **baggage** (bag' ij) the trunks and suitcases a person takes when he or she travels; an army's equipment
  - a. When Walt unpacked his **baggage**, he found he had forgotten his radio.
  - b. Mrs. Montez checked her **baggage** at the station and took the children for a walk.
  - c. The modern army cannot afford to be slowed up with heavy **baggage**.
4. **squander** (skwān' dər) spend foolishly; waste
  - a. Do not **squander** your money by buying what you cannot use.
  - b. Because Freddy **squandered** his time watching television, he could not catch up on his homework.
  - c. In his will, Mr. Larson warned his children not to **squander** their inheritance.
5. **abroad** (a brôd') outside one's country; going around; far and wide
  - a. More people are going **abroad** for vacations.
  - b. Is there any truth to the rumor **abroad** that school will be open all summer?
  - c. The news of the president's illness spread **abroad**.
6. **fugitive** (fyōō' jə tiv) a runaway
  - a. Paul was a **fugitive** from the slums, abandoned\* by all his friends.
  - b. After escaping from prison, Tom led an unhappy life as a **fugitive** from the law.
  - c. The **fugitives** from the unsuccessful revolution were captured.
7. **calamity** (kə lam' ə tē) a great misfortune; serious trouble
  - a. Failure in one test should not be regarded as a **calamity**.
  - b. The death of her husband was a **calamity** that left Mrs. Marlowe numb.\*
  - c. What is more dismal\* than one **calamity** following upon the heels of another?
8. **pauper** (pô' pər) a very poor person
  - a. The fire that destroyed his factory made Mr. Bloomson a **pauper**.
  - b. The richest man is a **pauper** if he has no friends.
  - c. Since he was once a **pauper** himself, Max is willing to help the needy whenever he can.
9. **envy** (en' vē) jealousy; the object of jealousy; to feel jealous
  - a. Marilyn's selection as Prom Queen made her the **envy** of every senior.
  - b. My parents taught me not to **envy** anyone else's wealth.
  - c. Our **envy** of Nora's skating ability is foolish because with practice all of us could do as well.

10. **collapse** (kə laps') a breakdown; to fall in; break down; fail suddenly; fold together
  - a. A heavy flood caused the bridge to **collapse**.
  - b. His failure in chemistry meant the **collapse** of Bob's summer plans.
  - c. **Collapse** the trays and store them in the closet.
11. **prosecute** (präs' ə kōōt) bring before a court; follow up; carry on
  - a. Drunken drivers should be **prosecuted**.
  - b. The district attorney refused to **prosecute** the case for lack of evidence.
  - c. The general **prosecuted** the war with vigor.\*
12. **bigamy** (big' ə mē) having two wives or two husbands at the same time
  - a. Some people look upon **bigamy** as double trouble.
  - b. Mr. Winkle, looking at his wife, thought **bigamy** was one crime he would never be guilty of.
  - c. Some religious groups are in favor of **bigamy** even though it is against the law of the land.

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### Love and Marriage

The famous **architect** Melville Fenton grew tired of **matrimony** and devised\* a scheme to free himself of his spouse.\* He told her he had been engaged by an American company to design its new office building in Paris. Packing his **baggage**, he left his home and proceeded\* to cut all his ties with his former life. He changed his name, secured a new job, and quickly forgot his faithful wife.

Not having any responsibilities, he began to **squander** his money and energy. He married another woman, believing he was safe from the law. But his first wife had grown suspicious and resentful.\* She learned from his

employer that he had not gone **abroad**, that in fact he had left the firm altogether. With a little detective work, she soon discovered her husband's whereabouts. He had become a **fugitive** from justice\* and one **calamity** after another overtook him. He lost his job, became a **pauper** and was no longer the **envy** of his acquaintances. Then his second wife grew ill and died.

After the **collapse** of his plans, there was only one logical\* step for Melville to take. He embraced\* his wife and asked for her forgiveness. Much to his relief, she decided not to **prosecute** him for **bigamy**.

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ compartment of the plane was inspected for bombs.
2. A storm on the night of the prom meant \_\_\_\_\_ for the senior class plans.
3. Good government would assure that there are no more \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.
4. The strain of the three-hour examination almost brought Leslie to a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Now that the quintuplets have come along, we are calling on an \_\_\_\_\_ to devise\* plans for an extension to our home.
6. The hungry man was \_\_\_\_\_ for stealing a loaf of bread.
7. Bringing expensive\* toys to newborn infants is just another way to \_\_\_\_\_ your money.
8. Bloodhounds were brought in to hunt for the \_\_\_\_\_ in the dense\* forest.
9. When it was learned that Mr. Smythe had failed to divorce his first wife, he was charged with \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Traveling \_\_\_\_\_ is an educational experience.
11. What is there to \_\_\_\_\_ in a high mark that was not honestly achieved?
12. Everyone can see that \_\_\_\_\_ has brought Jim and Stella great happiness.

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### Exercise

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_